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BRIEFING NOTE: POLAND

Internal Situation

Polish workers apparently have begun sit-in strikes in three major factories in Warsaw and a large steel mill in Krakow. These strikes may thus far be limited if press reports are accurate that some workers are staying home. We have no information on the situation in other parts of Poland. The police regained control of Solidarity's Warsaw headquarters during the night and early this morning began denying Polish citizens entry to the US Embassy. [REDACTED]

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Military Situation

Soviet military officials in Poland report that about 150,000 Polish troops are participating in the imposition of martial law; Polish troops have been sent to six major areas. Some Soviet troops have been placed on alert and preparations to evacuate Soviet dependents are being made. [REDACTED]

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Polish troops drawn from 10 Polish divisions were sent to Warsaw, the Gdansk-Gdynia area, Elblag, Olsztyn, Katowice, and Poznan to carry out their duties under the martial law decree. Five of the six major bridges leading to Warsaw have been closed to traffic and roadblocks have been set up throughout the country. All airfields throughout Poland are closed for takeoff and landing; overflights are permitted. All borders remain closed. [REDACTED]

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Marshal Kulikov, commander-in-chief of combined Warsaw Pact forces, is still in the Warsaw area. Yesterday he was at the Soviet Embassy in Warsaw to consult with senior Polish and Soviet officials there and with Soviet General Staff officials in Moscow. [REDACTED]

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The Soviet tank division in southwestern Poland has been placed on alert and increased security measures have been carried out in the garrison areas of the Soviet forces in Legnica. [REDACTED]

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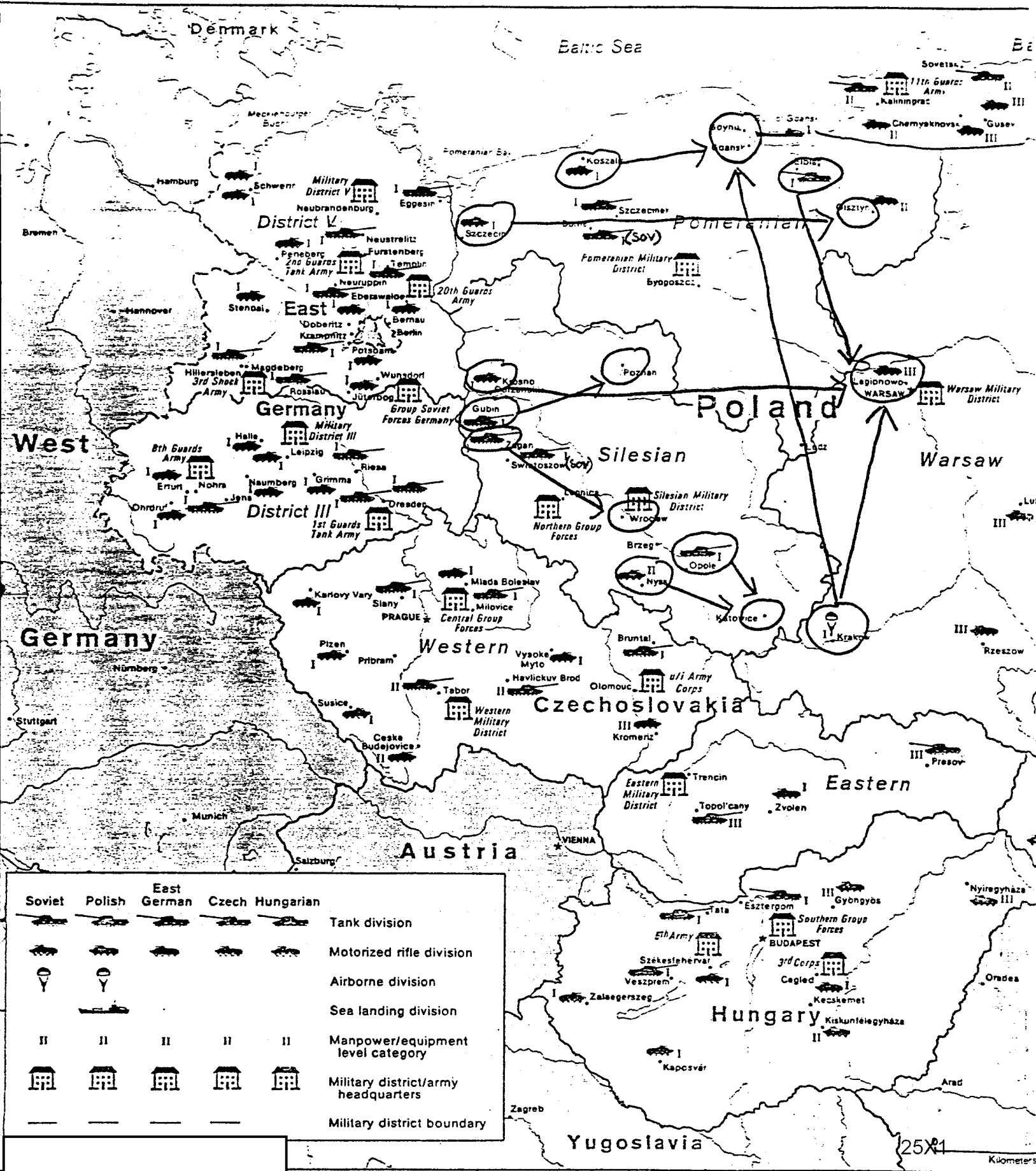
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Warsaw Pact Forces in and Around Poland



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SPOT COMMENTARY: Poland

Polish Internal Situation

No violence has yet been reported in Poland, despite the gathering of a large crowd at Solidarity's Warsaw headquarters for much of the day; the more serious test will occur tomorrow morning when workers return to their factories, at some of which security forces are now stationed.

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Solidarity apparently is trying to function as an organization, despite the probable arrest of all its top leaders except Lech Walesa. According to unconfirmed reports, Walesa is having talks with the government's minister for union affairs. A handbill distributed by union headquarters in Warsaw--which is no longer occupied by police--calls for an immediate nationwide general strike. The Solidarity branch at the huge Ursus tractor factory, traditionally a center of labor militancy, has also reportedly passed out leaflets calling for such a strike.

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Solidarity's ability to mobilize the workers probably will not be known until committees of workers can meet tomorrow morning. The regime may plan to lockout workers in order to hamstring Solidarity's efforts to organize a general strike. If the police currently deployed around the Ursus factory try to prevent the workers from entering the plant, however, a violent confrontation is likely to result.

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The imposition of martial law apparently stunned much of the populace, but not sufficiently to prevent the crowd of Warsaw demonstrators from ignoring the ban on public assembly and from jeering and throwing snow balls at troops and riot police. The regime backed off from its initial attempt to break up this group, but it can not be counted on to continue to show restraint in the face of such defiance.

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Soviet/Warsaw Pact Military Situation

The Soviets appear to be taking a wait and see approach to the imposition of martial law in Poland. Soviet forces in and around Poland continue to conduct routine operations.

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SUBJECT: Poland

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[redacted] Kulikov has been in Poland along with senior Warsaw Pact military officials drawing up plans to use Polish military forces to bring Solidarity under control. If this first step fails, [redacted] reports that the plans call for the use of military troops from all Warsaw Pact countries, except East Germany. [redacted]

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There is no evidence that Soviet forces are in a heightened state of readiness or that preparations for troop movement are under way. East German Army personnel in a military administrative district near the Polish border may have been ordered to begin preparations for mobilization today. There is no evidence, however, that any East German troops have begun moving toward Poland. [redacted]

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